

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

STEVEN A. RAMOS AND IMAGINE & DISCOV-)	
ERY, INC.,)	
<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	
)	1:14-cv-2073-JMS-DKL
vs.)	
)	
LUMIERE INDUSTRIES, LLC AND AGFA COR-)	
PORATION,)	
<i>Defendants.</i>)	

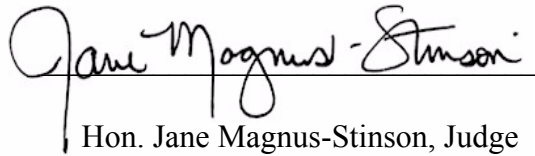
ORDER

Plaintiffs filed their Complaint against Defendants alleging that this Court has diversity jurisdiction over their action. [[Filing No. 1 at 1-2.](#)] Plaintiffs properly set forth their citizenships, the citizenship of Defendant AFGA Corporation, and the amount in controversy, but allege that Defendant Lumiere Industries, LLC (“Lumiere”) “is a Colorado limited liability company with its principal place of business in Littleton, Colorado.” [[Filing No. 1 at 1.](#)]

Plaintiffs’ allegations regarding Lumiere are insufficient to establish its citizenship because the “citizenship of an LLC depends on [the] citizenship of its members, traced through as many levels as necessary to reach corporations or natural persons.” [BouMatic, LLC v. Idento Operations, BV](#), 759 F.3d 790, 791 (7th Cir. 2014) (citing [Cosgrove v. Bartolotta](#), 150 F.3d 729 (7th Cir. 1998)). The Court is not being hyper-technical: Counsel has a professional obligation to analyze subject-matter jurisdiction, [Heinen v. Northrop Grumman Corp.](#), 671 F.3d 669 (7th Cir. 2012), and a federal court always has a responsibility to ensure that it has jurisdiction, [Hukic v. Aurora Loan Servs.](#), 588 F.3d 420, 427 (7th Cir. 2009).

For these reasons, Plaintiffs are **ORDERED** to file an Amended Complaint by **January 7, 2015**, specifically setting forth jurisdictional allegations to establish the citizenship Lumiere and the other parties.

December 22, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Magnus-Stinson", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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